

***In the Claims***

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently amended) A handheld defense weapon, comprising:

a first hand grip portion extending along a first direction and comprising a first spike fitted at a first end thereof with a first spike of the first hand grip portion, and at a second end thereof a second spike provided at a second end of the first hand grip portion, ~~[[said]]~~ the first and second spikes facing in the same direction; and

a third spike at the first end of the first hand grip portion, extending in an opposite direction from the first spike, wherein ~~[[said]]~~ the first and third ~~[[spike]]~~ spikes form a second hand grip portion extending only along a second direction generally perpendicular to ~~[[said]]~~ the first direction.

2. (Currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The handheld defense weapon according to claim 1, further comprising at least one finger ridge extending between ~~[[said]]~~ the first and second spikes.

3. (Currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The handheld defense weapon according to claim 1, wherein the first hand grip portion is slightly curved in compliance with an individual's fist anatomy.

4. (Currently amended) [[A]] The handheld defense weapon according to claim 1, wherein the distance between the first spike and second spike is fitted to the size of an individual's fist.

5. (Currently amended) [[A]] The handheld defense weapon according to claim 1, wherein the spikes extend beyond fisted fingers of an individual gripping the weapon about the first hand grip portion.

6. (Currently amended) [[A]] The handheld defense weapon according to claim 5, wherein the spikes are at least 3 centimeters long.

7. (Currently amended) [[A]] The handheld defense weapon according to claim 1, wherein at a gripped position the first and second spikes project beyond an individual's fingers at a fisted position.

8. (Currently amended) [[A]] The handheld defense weapon according to claim 1, wherein ~~there is further provided a fourth spike projecting between the~~ an extended index finger ridge and the middle finger, said in the form of a fourth spike facing , faces in the same direction as the first and second spikes.

9. (Currently amended) [[A]] The handheld defense weapon according to claim 8, wherein the fourth spike is slightly shorter than [[said]] the first and second spikes.

10. (Currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The handheld defense weapon according to claim 8, wherein the length of the fourth spike projects beyond the width of an index finger, when the weapon is gripped about the first and third spikes.

11. (Currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The ~~hand-held~~ handheld defense weapon according to claim 1, wherein the first end is fitted with a bulging portion, whereby when the weapon is gripped ~~[[said]]~~ the bulging portion laterally projects from a fist.

12. (Currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The ~~hand-held~~ handheld defense weapon according to claim 1, ~~wherein~~ further comprising a fifth spike fitted at either the first end or the second end of the first hand grip portion ~~is fitted with a fifth spike~~, whereby when the handheld defense weapon is gripped ~~[[said]]~~ the fifth spike laterally projects from a fist.

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15. (Currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The handheld defense weapon according to claim 1, ~~wherein the weapon is disguised by~~ further comprising a fur-like material applied thereto coat adapted sufficient to disguise the handheld defense weapon.

16. (Currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The handheld defense weapon according to claim 1, wherein a key ring is attachable thereto.

17. (Currently amended) [[A]] The handheld defense weapon according to claim 1, further comprising a utility tool, wherein the first hand grip portion is ~~further~~ fitted with [[a]] the utility tool.

18. (Currently amended) [[A]] The handheld defense weapon according to claim 1, wherein comprising a power source and an activating mechanism fitted in the first hand grip portion is ~~fitted with a power source and an~~ the activating mechanism ~~for illuminating~~ configured sufficient to illuminate a light emitting element integrated with the handheld defense weapon.

19. (Currently amended) [[A]] The handheld defense weapon according to claim 1, wherein the first hand grip portion is fitted with a compartment ~~holding an~~ a selectively dischargeable irritating material ~~selectively dischargeable~~.

20. (Currently amended) [[A]] The handheld defense weapon according to claim 19, wherein the irritating material is a tear gas.

21. (Currently amended) [[A]] The handheld defense weapon according to claim 1, further comprising an audible alert generating module, wherein the first hand grip portion is fitted with [[an]] the audible alert generating module.

22. (Currently amended) [[A]] The handheld defense weapon according to claim 21, wherein the audible alert generating module is a gas discharge horn.
23. (Currently amended) [[A]] The handheld defense weapon according to claim 22, wherein the horn is activated by discharge of an irritating gas.
24. (Currently amended) [[A]] The handheld defense weapon according to claim 1, wherein at least the first hand grip portion is ~~padded~~ further comprises padding.
25. (Currently amended) [[A]] The handheld defense weapon according to claim 1, further comprising a blow-whistle, wherein [[a]] the blow-whistle is integrated into the weapon.
26. (Currently amended) [[A]] The handheld defense weapon according to [[Claim]] claim 1, whereby the handheld defense weapon is made from a [[soft]] non-rigid material.
27. (Currently amended) [[A]] The handheld defense weapon according to [[Claim]] claim 1, further comprising a wrist strap.
28. (Currently amended) [[A]] The handheld defense weapon according to [[Claim]] claim 1 [[serving]] , whereby the handheld defense weapon serves as a handle for an elongated object.

29. (Currently amended) [[A]] The handheld defense weapon according to [[Claim]] claim 28, wherein the elongated object is a metal detecting device.

30. (Currently amended) [[A]] The handheld defense weapon according to [[Claim]] claim 26, wherein the elongated object is a retractable baton.

31. (Currently amended) [[A]] The handheld defense weapon according to [[Claim]] claim 1, ~~wherein said hand held weapon further comprises~~ comprising a cover adapted to snugly fit ~~said hand held~~ the handheld defense weapon, [[said]] the cover being replaceable.

32. (Currently amended) [[A]] The handheld defense weapon according to claim 1, useful configured sufficient to be used as a bag carrier wherein [[the]] a bag is suspendable suspended from the ~~device~~ handheld defense weapon by hanging handles of the bag on the first and second spikes.

33. (Currently amended) [[A]] The handheld defense weapon according to claim 1, wherein the first hand grip portion is fitted with a belt clip.

34. (Currently amended) A kit comprising:  
a handheld defense weapon, comprising

a first hand grip portion extending along a first direction and comprising a first spike fitted at a first end of the first hand grip portion, thereof with a first spike and at a second end thereof a second spike provided at a second end of the first hand grip portion, [[said]] the first and second spikes facing in the same direction; and

a third spike provided at the first end of the first hand grip portion, extending [[at]] in an opposite direction from the first spike, wherein [[said]] the first and third [[spike]] spikes form a second hand grip portion extending only along a second direction generally perpendicular to [[said]] the first direction; and

an ~~instructions~~ instruction manual including instructions teaching how to use [[said]] the handheld defense weapon.

35. (Currently amended) [[A]] The kit according to claim 34, wherein [[said]] the instructions manual is an illustrated publication.

36. (Currently amended) [[A]] The kit according to claim 34, wherein [[said]] the instructions manual is a digital carrying medium.